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## BOOK REVIEWS.

THE CONFEDERATE CAUSE AND CONDUCT IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES. Hunter McGuire, George L. Christian. With an introduction by Rev. James Power Smith, D. D. L. H. Jenkins, Richmond Virginia. [1907], pp. xi, 228, with portraits.

The preface and introduction of this tasteful volume constitute in themselves the best review that can be written of the book. It is a republication in handsome and enduring form of the "History Reports" prepared for the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia; the main purpose of them being to prevent the poisoning of the minds of the youth of the South by a protest against the use of sectional and partisan so-called histories in the public and private schools of Virginia and the South.

The protest was timely, the need of it urgent and the effect salutary—though not as complete as may be desired.

Dr. Smith's introduction, in the temperate and judicial tone which characterizes all his writings, is admirable and constitutes a fitting "foreword" to the Reports which follow. In these strenuous days many parents are too much engrossed with the problem of subsistence to have time to supervise the text books of their children; and had it not been for the recurring Confederate Re-unions and an occasional monument to the Confederate heroes, the Cause so dear to the memories of those who do remember, would have been accepted as a "Rebellion" in fact, if not actual "treason," by many of the younger generations. We had "school marms" from "over the border," occasionally, in addition to the insidious "histories" that were used in the schools—and the revolt on the part of the Confederates against such teachings through the action of their "Camps" came none too soon.

While we can not endorse all the strictures on John Fiske's historical writings, it can not be gainsaid that on the whole, these "Reports" are temperate and conservative and have effected wholesome and patriotic results.

Judge Christian's vindication of the part Virginia played in the war, rendered almost necessary by the too much vaunting of a bordering state, is wholly conclusive and highly gratifying; and Dr. McGuire's two papers on Stonewall Jackson are beyond praise. No old Confederate, no loyal child of any old Confederate can read them without emotions of pride—though the tears fall while the heart swells.

The book ought to be in the home of every family which cherishes the memories of Virginia at her best for the "Reports," taken as a whole, thoroughly vindicates both the cause and the conduct of the war on the part of the South.

As is well known, Dr. McGuire was the Medical Director of Jackson's Corps, and the confidential friend and physician of his great chieftain,

whom he attended in his last hours; and Judge Christian was a gallant officer in that immortal army that so long carried the fortunes of the Confederacy on its bayonets.

Statements from them are words of truth and soberness, and carry conviction in their utterance; yet they have not failed to verify them by the official records.

It would be most appropriate for the "Sons" and "Daughters of the Confederacy" to constitute themselves general agents for the wide distribution of this book.

W. W. Scott.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF OCTOGENARIAN.** By Robert Enoch Withers, M. D.; Colonel 18th Regiment Virginia Infantry C. S. A; Editor Lynchburg Daily News; Lieutenant Governor of Virginia; Senator of the United States; Member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institute; Consul of the United States at Hong-Kong; Past Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States, etc, etc, 1907. The Stone Printing & M'f'g Co. Press, Roanoke, Virginia, pp. 550, with portrait.

**MEMORIES OF THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN.** By Richard McIlwaine, D. D., LL. D. [President of Hampden-Sidney College, Va.] Illustrated. New York and Washington. The Neale Publishing Company, 1908, pp. xiv, 382, with index.

**THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF ROBERT LEWIS DABNEY.** By Thomas Cary Johnson, Richmond, Va. The Presbyterian Committee of Publication [1903] pp. xvi, 585, with index. Illustrated.

**RECOLLECTIONS OF A LIFE TIME.** By John Goode of Virginia. New York and Washington. The Neale Publishing Company, 1906, pp. x, 266, with portrait.

**THE PUBLIC LIFE AND DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE OF JAMES M. MASON. WITH SOME PERSONAL HISTORY.** By His Daughter. 1903. The Stone Printing & M'f'g Co., Roanoke, Va., pp., ix, 603.

**LIFE AND LETTERS OF JOHN ALBERT BROADUS.** By Archibald Thomas Robertson, Professor of the Interpretation of the New Testament in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "There is no life of a man faithfully recorded, but is a heroic poem"—Carlyle. Philadelphia. American Baptist Publication Society, 1901. Pp. xi, 462, with index and portrait.

**FORTY YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE.** Being Some History of the War between the Confederacy and the Union and of the Events Leading up to it, with Reminiscences of the Struggle and Accounts of the Author's Experiences of Four Years from Private to Lieutenant-Colonel and Acting Colonel of the Army of Northern Virginia. Also Much of the History of Virginia and the Nation in Which the